

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 15, 2010  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, CAPITAL PLAZA TOWER  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY**

***SUMMARY MINUTES***

**Friday, January 15, 2010**

The Kentucky Board of Education met on January 15, 2010, for a special meeting at the First Floor of Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, KY and conducted the following business:

***CALL TO ORDER***

Chair Joe Brothers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. local time. Brothers then asked for the roll to be called.

***ROLL CALL***

Present for the meeting were C.B. Akins, Joe Brothers, Dorie Combs, Jeanne Ferguson, David Karem, Austin Moss, and Brigitte Ramsey. Absent were Kaye Baird, Judy Gibbons, Billy Harper, Doug Hubbard and Robert King.

***CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR 703 KAR 5:180, INTERVENTION SYSTEM FOR PERSISTENTLY LOW-ACHIEVING SCHOOLS (EMERGENCY AND ORDINARY VERSIONS)***

Commissioner Holliday was asked to summarize what the board is being asked to approve. He said it has been a fast-paced couple of weeks and noted that going into this legislative session, the department knew that the statute on dealing with low-achieving schools was no longer valid due to the passage of Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). Holliday also pointed to the fact that the Race to the Top (RTTT) application and School Improvement Grant (SIG) guidelines affect the interaction with these schools and how they are identified, with Kentucky's share of SIG being \$47 million. The commissioner went on to say that SB 1 allows for non-Title I schools to be included in the interactions with low-achieving schools. He conveyed that last week, the department had to define persistently low-achieving schools within the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund application and thus, House Bill 176 had to get passed to provide this definition as well as to incorporate into state statute the four federal turnaround models required by RTTT. Commissioner Holliday then shared that the support shown by all 174 school districts for RTTT through signing the MOU combined with the support the General Assembly shown by swift passage of HB 176 strengthens Kentucky's RTTT application. He clarified that the last step in the process needed for the RTTT application was passage today of 703 KAR 5:180, Intervention System for Persistently Low-Achieving Schools.

Chair Brothers asked for any clarifying questions on the regulation. Each member of the board expressed support of the regulation and passed on accolades to the commissioner, staff and legislature for the work that has occurred leading to today's meeting.

At this point, David Karem moved approval of 703 KAR 5:180, both the emergency and ordinary versions, and C.B. Akins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Brothers offered congratulations to the commissioner and staff for getting HB 176 passed as well as bringing the related regulation to the board in time for it to support the RTTT application.

Commissioner Holliday commented that the department has already started working on the strategic plan, which will be placed on the department's website for all to see that SB 1 is being implemented with fidelity. He emphasized that staff is moving forward with the work whether RTTT is funded or not. Holliday thanked the board for its support.

David Karem then stated that the board is also grateful for the Governor's efforts in supporting this work and the swift signing of HB 176 and the RTTT application.

#### ***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dorie Combs and a second by Brigitte Ramsey. The motion carried.